

REMARKS

As applicants noted in the amendment filed August 8, 2003, applicants intend to substitute/add the instant application to an interference currently pending in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under Interference No. 105,123. The applicants have already filed their Preliminary Motion to request such substitution/addition to the pending interference.

By the foregoing amendment, applicants have cancelled the non-allowed claims without prejudice or disclaimer to pursuing that subject matter in a divisional application. The purpose of the foregoing amendment is to end prosecution in the present application insofar as the only remaining claims, 22 and 23, stand allowed and the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. However, as it is imminent that the instant application will be incorporated into the pending interference, applicants respectfully request that further proceedings be suspended pending the resolution of the pending interference.

Furthermore, on a purely housekeeping manner, applicants had filed a Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination, but the last Office Action was still addressed directly to the applicant, not the attorney of record. Applicants again attach a copy of the Change of Correspondence Address and respectfully request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office change their records such that all future correspondence is directed to the undersigned.

If any additional fee is necessary, it may be charged to the undersigned's deposit account number 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment
Copy of Change of Correspondence Address

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